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they cannot spare them. Generally, if we cannot accommodate them ehre, we say that we cannot accommodate them.

Sri K. F. PATIL.—Is this list exhaustive upto this date ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—As far as the information in my office is concerned, that is the latest.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ.—ಅವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ನಡೆದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅದಲು ಬದಲು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಎರಡೂ ಸರಕಾರ ಒಪ್ಪಿದರೆ ಅದು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether any opportunity was given to the officers to opt out to the State to which they wanted to go when the Andhra State was created under an Act ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am not aware of it.

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY.—May I know whether the opinion of the Madras Government was taken with regard to those applicants ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I cannot give a categorical answer.

Sri Y. MANJAYA SHETTY.—May I presume that these papers have not been sent to the Madras Government from this Secretariat seeking their opinion ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Usually we send them for their opinion.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it the difficulty of the Government that there are not identical posts vacant so far as our State is concerned ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Sometimes that is true.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Discontinuance of Fair Price Depots in the State.

Q.—131. Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that Fair

Price Depots in the State were ordered to be closed from 1st March 1958 ;

(b) at whose instance these depots were discontinued ;

(c) the steps taken to have sufficient stocks of food stuffs in the State and the extent to which the stock position has improved till the end of last month ;

(d) whether the discontinuance of Fair Price Depots has not resulted in the rise of prices of foodgrains, and if so the steps they propose to take to check the rise in food prices ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) and (b) Fair Price Depots were opened for the distribution of rice and wheat supplied by Government of India. Government of India have stopped the issue of rice to the Fair Price Depots from 1st February 1958.

(c) There are sufficient stocks of food stuffs in the Southern Zone.

(d) There has been no noticeable rise in the prices of foodgrains.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—The answer to (c) is that there are sufficient stocks of foodstuffs in the Southern Zone. May I take it that it is in Andhra ? May I know in what part of the Southern Zone ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Andhra, Mysore, Madras and Kerala.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—I would like to know where exactly we have them. Everybody is indenting on Andhra and other places. What exactly is the position of Mysore and on which State in the Southern Zone does it depend ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Andhra is surplus, Mysore is deficit, Madras is deficit and Kerala is highly deficit, but taking the production of the whole Southern Zone and consumption into consideration, it is found that the Southern Zone is self-supporting.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—What is the guarantee of the Mysore State to get adequate stocks during stress and strain and scarcity times ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—There is no question of scarcity in this case. When scarcity arises, the Government will make the necessary arrangements.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Has the Government entered into any agreement with the Andhra State and other places because when scarcity comes it does not come after intimating us?

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will make a representation to scarcity to give us notice!

Sri M. P. PATIL.—There is no such guarantee from other States because the dealings are not made at the State level. The markets are open.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—With the creation of the Southern Zone, are the Government satisfied that they are getting enough rice from Andhra?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—It is true that we are getting some rice, but I cannot say whether it is sufficient or not.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—From what other areas in the Southern Zone is the Mysore Government getting rice?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Mainly from Andhra.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I know whether they are getting all their requirements of rice from Andhra or from any other State?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We are getting our requirements from Andhra and for the present the requirement is met by the market.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My question is whether we are getting our requirements in full from Andhra?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We are not importing at the State level. So, how can I say that? The markets are open and the merchants are bringing and selling it.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—After the creation of the South Zone, it is understood that our requirements must be met only by the States in the South. The man who is in need of rice does not care to see whether it is at State level or at still higher level.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He means to say that the market is open in the South Zone.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I take it that the Mysore Government is not aware as to that is happening so far as our supplies are concerned and whether they are adequate?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We are aware of the situation and we are watching it. For the present, the situation is quite all right.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—As a result of watching, what is the assessment that the Government have made? May I know whether Andhra has supplied all our requirements and whether the supply is adequate?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The requirement is met from local production and from Andhra. At present, the requirement is met from both these sources.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know whether representations are not made from the scarcity areas of the State that the fair price depots in those areas must be continued to be supplied with rice?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Some representations have been received but it is not necessary to act on them because fair price depots are to be run only when the rates are high in the market.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—May I know whether the Government is confident of meeting any demand in the event of scarcity arising?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The Government will make all necessary arrangements when there is scarcity.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—The Minister was pleased to say that it was the private channels that fed the scarcity areas. In such a situation is it not likely that the prices of rice and other foodgrains are likely to shoot up beyond the capacity of the people in the scarcity areas?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The question is about rise or fall in the prices of foodgrains in future. We are not sure whether prices will rise or fall down, but I may assure the Hon'ble Member that when such a situation arises, Government will surely consider that question.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I know the variation in the price level from the date of closing of the fair price depots upto date?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Since the closing of the fair price depots, there is not much difference. The rate in the open market today is Rs. 58 per palla or

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1½ seers per rupee in retail while the rate at the fair price depot was only two seers a rupee.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What were the price levels at the time the fair price depots were running and what they are now?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I said that there was no change.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not necessary that so far as the scarcity areas are concerned, at least jowar and other commodities are supplied?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The reasonable rate for jowar would be three seers per rupee and at present the market rate is 3½ seers per rupee and therefore there is no necessity to make any provision at the State level for this purpose.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Not in scarcity areas?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—It is so.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Were the Government procuring any foodgrains to build up buffer stocks?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Are the Government aware that the price of rice has gone up by Rs. 5-10 after the closure of fair price depots?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—No. It has risen by only Rs. 2-3.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—He said that there was no variation in the price level. Now in answer to my friend's question he says that it has increased by Rs. 2. Which answer is correct?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Difference of 2-3 rupees is not much.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Does the Hon'ble Minister have rates for corresponding months?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We get rates from month to month and week to week, but I am quoting the rates prevailing at present.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಬಿ. ಮಲ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯಾ.—“ಬಿ” ಭಾಗದ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ “ಯಾರ ಸೂಚನೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಯಿತು” ಎಂಬುದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ, ಏಕೆ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Nobody has issued an order that the fair price

depots should be closed; Government has not issued such an order that rice would not be supplied and that wheat would be supplied.

Sri S. MUNIRAJU.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the price of ragi has gone up?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—On the other hand, it has come down.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಂ. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—Buffer Stock ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—1,80,000 ಪರಾ ಗಳು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಂ. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳು ಈಗ ಕೆಲವು ಬತ್ತವನ್ನು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿವೆಯಲ್ಲ, ಅದೂ ಸೇರಿಯೇ ನಿವ್ವಳಹೇಳುವುದು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೊಂಡು ಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಭತ್ತ ಇಷ್ಟು.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Number of Landless and Land-Owning Peasant Families in the State.

Q.—947. Sri T. K. GANGI REDDY (Chintamani).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of landless peasant families in the State;

(b) the number of peasant families who own less than * five acres of dry land or one acre of wet land;

(c) the number of peasant families owning fifteen acres of dry land or three acres of wet land?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 9,32,188 (excludes figures for South Kanara District)

(b) 9,91,978.

(c) 4,46,212.